Title: Need to provide 100 per cent financial assistance for construction of underground sewerage system at Tirunelveli in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P.H. PANDIAN (TIRUNELVELI): Tirunelveli Municipal Corporation which is situated in my Parliamentary constituency, was formed in the year 1994 after amalgamating three Municipalities, one Township and 15 village Panchayats. The total population of this Municipal Corporation is 4,25,000. The main income of the Corporation is only House Tax. With the present financial crisis the Corporation is not in a position to provide basic amenities such as road, drinking water, electricity and drainage facilities. In order to prevent the pollution of the Tamiravaruni River which is the main source of drinking water supply to Tirunelveli as well as Tuticorin, it is proposed to have an underground sewerage system in this city. The total estimated cost for the above project along with basic amenities is Rs.66 crore. In order to have underground sewerage and to provide basic amenities to this Corporation the Government should come forward with 100 per cent financial assistance to Government of Tamil Nadu through the Ministry of Urban Development.